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WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 31, 1896—EIGHT PAGES.

ONE CENT.

Exquisite Easter Hats.

We are more than busy! Our reputation as the leaders in Spring Millinery has made this big store the head center for everything that is fashionable—that is stylish—that is new. And with our prices are far better than they should be. The dainty loveliness of this year's creations surpass everything in former years—Hats—Bonnets—Toques—Turban—trimmed with most exquisite Flowers, Laces, Velvets, etc.

Untrimmed Hats.

A LARGE VARIETY OF LACE, TRIMMINGS, BRAIDS, AND NEAPOLITANS, with fancy lace edges, in every fashionable shape, in black and the prevailing colors. Reduced for Easter week from twenty-five cents to—

VERY GREAT VALUES in fine quality Untrimmed Hats in B and Trilby, Neapolitan, fine Lacy, Chapeau, Chapeau, Chapeau (large and small shapes). Short Back, Sailor, Flats, Bell Crowns, and high and low Crowns, in all colors and black. The most fashionable shapes for this Spring. Reduced for Easter week from twenty-five cents to—

Ribbons at Half Price.

Every kind, including Dresden, Persian, Plaid, Stripes, Changeable, Roman Stripes, Gros Grains, etc., in lengths from 10 to 25 yards, and widths from 1/2 to 6 inches.

15c Ribbons, 7c.
20c Ribbons, 11c.
29c Ribbons, 15c.
45c Ribbons, 23c.
50c Ribbons, 29c.
60c Ribbons, 39c.
75c Ribbons, 45c.

Bon Marche.

314 and 316 7th St.

THE DISTRICT IN CONGRESS

Amendment to Charter of Washington & Marlboro Road.

Senator Gorman Presented It Today. Changes to Be Made by It in the House.

Senator Gorman this morning offered a bill (S. 2692) to amend the charter of the Washington and Marlboro Electric Railway Company, to extend its lines into and within the District.

It provides for the line beginning at the point in the District line where the road reaches it, and running by the Sully road, the Bowen road, and Branch avenue, or other practical route which may be approved by the District Commissioners to connect with Pennsylvania avenue extended. Then it is to run by Pennsylvania avenue across the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on Railroad avenue, along Railroad avenue to Taylor road, and by this road to the Anacostia River. Across the river this road is to come by a steel or iron truss bridge, built by the company.

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The road will then run north on Fifteenth street to Florida avenue, then north westerly on Florida avenue to Seventh street northwest.

Mr. Gorman also presented the petition of Mrs. Mary Hovey for a pension for services as a hospital nurse at Annapolis during the civil war. It was referred to the Committee on Pensions. It is accompanied by letters from Chief Justice Bartol of Maryland, and James A. Ansell of Scottsdale, Pa., and Mrs. Charles C. Cuyper of this city.

Mr. Miliken has introduced in the House a bill to authorize the purchase of a site for the Government Printing Office, and to commence the erection of the same.

The location indicated is that belonging to the Carroll estate, which was accepted by the committee at its last meeting, after several general tours of inspection had been made.

The bill will probably be accepted by the committee at its next regular meeting.

Must Close Their Doors.

Twenty-three dealers in spirituous liquors have been notified to close their doors and stop selling at 12 o'clock tonight. They and their friends have been interviewing the excise board today with a view of securing a further extension. It is believed that more than two, if any, will obtain the coveted favor.

Will Hold an Inquest.

Coroner Hammett will hold an inquest this afternoon at 4 o'clock at No. 6 station house, over the remains of Frank Stewart, the fourteen-year-old boy who was killed at the corner of Sixth and G streets, yesterday evening, an account of which appeared in this morning's Times.

Jealousy Caused a Double Crime.

Kansas City, March 31.—Henry Hill shot his wife, Betty, and then himself at his home, 612 1-2 Cottage Lane, yesterday afternoon. Death in each case was almost instantaneous. Hill was twenty-eight years old, and his wife twenty-one. Jealousy was the cause. They came here from Charleston, Mo., several weeks ago.

Weyler a Poor General

Spain Made a Mistake in Sending Him to Cuba.

INSURGENTS WELL ARMED

If They Can Maintain Their Source of Supply Nothing Can Prevent Them From Winning—The Granting of Belligerent Rights Would Insure Their Independence.

New York, March 31.—Elbert Rappley, the Cuban war correspondent of the Mail and Express, who was recently expelled from Havana, has arrived here on the steamship Yucatan. In an interview with a representative of the United Press, Mr. Rappley said:

"I came back from Cuba as a deportado of Gen. Weyler. In his decree expelling me from the island I am called an enemy of Spain, that charge being based on letters published in the Mail and Express over my signature. Any person familiar with existing conditions in the island of Cuba would know that the only enemy, if any, shown toward Spain has been in tearing the cloth, without fear or prejudice. Thus, of course, has resulted in my expulsion."

RECOGNITION ALL THEY NEED.

"As an impartial observer, sent to Cuba to study and inform myself and report the progress of events there without restriction having been placed upon me when I accepted this mission, I unhesitatingly state that within three months the insurgent cause would be triumphant if the United States Government would grant the belligerent right and give the Cubans anything resembling a fighting opportunity."

"The Spanish are now on the defensive. Every battle fought in Cuba in the past thirty days has been fought by the rebels. They have more ammunition now than they ever had before, and they are maintaining the source of supply, there is not anything that can prevent them from winning."

"Gen. Weyler has been Spain's great mistake in the war. His name and reputation carried an odium which attracted the attention of the world. The best evidence of his bad generalship is his complete failure to hold the insurgent armies back after they had left the western provinces of Cuba. Maceo started his western campaign, which is now complete, with 15,000 men, one-third of whom had not a single arm to fight with."

PLENTY OF AMMUNITION NOW.

"Those who had guns went into battle with one or two cartridges, and fought knowing that unless they captured the enemy's ammunition, they would have nothing to fight with the next day. They are coming back now with the whole cargo from the Bermuda, and Gen. Weyler is withdrawing the Spanish defenses from at least one-half of the principal points of the island to bar their progress."

"This leaves Gomez, with a larger army than Maceo, practically unrestricted to do as he pleases in three-quarters of the area of Cuba, while the barrier which Weyler is attempting to place before Maceo is acknowledged by one of his own generals, with whom I talked here, as being inadequate to be but little stronger numerically than Maceo's army, notwithstanding the fact that in all of the invasions heretofore the Spanish have unhesitatingly attempted to prevent them with the numbers in their favor of at least four to one. While there has been some doubt, perhaps justified, about the military of the Spanish army, the rebel armies, it does not exist any longer, as they are perfectly organized, with commanders of every rank, at this time, and all of their operations being conducted as systematically as those of the Spanish. Their appeal to the world is not for sympathy, but ammunition."

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

With Revolver and Razor Mrs. Jackson Tried to End Her Life.

Gaithersburg, Md., March 31.—Mrs. James Jackson made a desperate attempt to end her life in an upper room of her residence here last evening. She fired six shots from a revolver and thrust her throat with a razor. She is still alive, and hopes are entertained of her recovery.

Mrs. Jackson and her five-year-old boy were the victims of a tragedy in the house last evening when the woman locked herself in a garret room and began firing her revolver. Five of the six bullets were directed at the head of the boy, who was lying on the floor. The woman's act is thought to be the result of grief over the recent death of a grown daughter.

AGAINST PIPE LAYING.

Commissioners Report Adversely on the Cooling Company's Bill.

Adverse action was recommended by the Commissioners today upon the bill to grant the Cooling Company a franchise to lay pipes in the public streets for the distribution of materials.

The bill provides for a tax on itinerant musicians and the proprietors of merry-go-rounds has been drafted by the Commissioners, and is now before the District Commissioners with a request for favorable action.

Building permits issued today: Dennis Colquhoun, for construction of a dwelling at No. 1000 1-2 Street, N.W.; \$1,200; W. King, two dwellings, No. 118 to 120 Sixth street northwest, \$5,000.

WISKEYS WERE WEAK.

But Little Alcohol Was Found and No Poisons.

The chemists who made the examination of the samples of whiskey collected by the excise board have examined 81 out of a total of 131 samples, and submitted their report. It shows that the liquor had nothing deleterious in it. In most of the samples there was a low percentage of alcohol, indicating adulterations, but no poisons were found. There was an excess of full oil in some. The health officer has recommended in view of the facts shown that the investigation cease. The samples examined were selected at random.

OSMAN DIGNA'S ADVANCE.

Marching Upon Sunkat With a Large Force of Men.

London, March 31.—A dispatch received by a news agency here says that Osman Digna, at the head of a large force of men, is marching upon Sunkat. The dispatch also says that the Sudanese battalion, instead of joining the Dongola expedition, has been ordered to attack Sunkat. Osman Digna is said to have 10,000 men, and is well equipped. He is said to have captured Sunkat, and is now marching upon Khartoum.

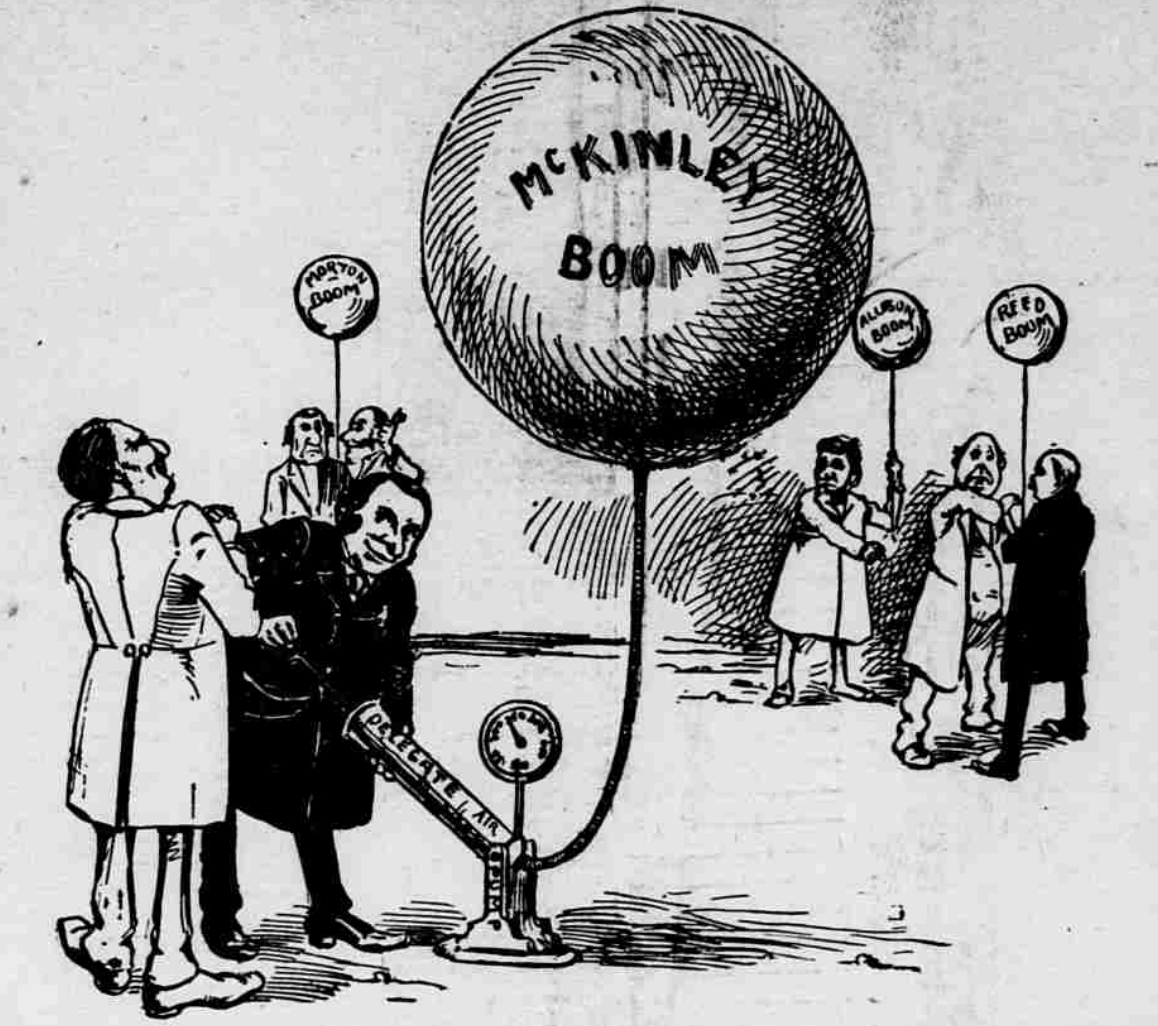
Pacific Cable Conference Postponed.

Ottawa, Ont., March 31.—The government has been informed by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, colonial secretary, that the conference on the Pacific cable question has been postponed until the first week in May. The Canadian government is to be represented at the conference by Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sanford Fleming, the originator of the scheme.

Arguments Heard.

Committee on Elections, No. 2, heard arguments in the contested case of Chesterman against Woodard, from the Second North Carolina District.

Chorus: "Oh! It's Sure to Burst!"



THE DIVISION IS DOOMED

Omnibus Order Will Be Issued by the Commissioners.

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The Commissioners decline to admit the correctness of this proposition and will not discuss it, but the Times has trustworthy information that the subject has had the very serious consideration of the board and its agents and advisers. It is no longer a question of doubt as to the main issue, which is whether the houses shall be employed, the beautiful and broad leading avenue of the city will soon be rid of its blighting, overlapping shadows.

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The understanding is that the women will be notified, ere long, to quit the quarters which they and their kind have so long inhabited. Those who have closed up a given date will be arrested and put through the police court mill. Their fate before that tribunal was foreshadowed in the omnibus case, and the penalty in her case will doubtless be duplicated in each of the other pending cases.

The information comes as an open secret from a circle of officials whose records for prudence and judgment are established, and they do not "rumor" things. It was officially stated, subsequent to the omnibus conviction, that there would be no more raids on the Division. This is accepted as in part confirming the latest report that the houses will be closed up by an omnibus order that will be directed against every house under the ban. It will be obeyed.

THE PROBLEM.

It is anticipated that the order is given and the nefarious trade broken up south of the Avenue the denizens of that quarter will seek to settle elsewhere, and the problem which the municipal authorities are striving to solve. When the solution shall be reached the notorious Division block will be removed.

Already numbers of the houses have closed up and their former occupants moved away, and a number of other madames have signified their intention of doing so immediately. Those who have closed up are Della Ferguson, Camille Dumas, Dolly Taylor, Rose Bennett, Frankie Morton, Camille Livingston, Hattie Jones, Lena O'Leary, and Ida Lundy. Alice Linden, who has just finished a term in jail for keeping a bawdy house, renounced her intention of reopening her house when she found that the war on the Division was no longer a mere matter of discussion, but a stern reality.

A number of other women in that section have notified the police of their intention to remove.

Among them are Annie Murphy, Lou Roberts and Kattie Thompson. Both of the houses have been notified that they were to be closed. The end of the division is at hand.

GIRLS ALL KNEW NOTHING.

Inmates of Grace Ferguson's House Before the Court.

Grace Ferguson was arraigned in Judge Miller's court this afternoon, charged with keeping a bawdy house at 1357 Ohio avenue. She was accompanied by her daughter, who is a minor, and a number of other women who were inmates of the house. They were all charged with the same offense. The judge heard the case and sentenced them to jail for a period of time.

On the Retired List.

The President has approved the recommendation of the naval examining board that Lieut. John O. Nicholson, U. S. N., be placed on the retired list on account of physical disability. Major Eric Berglund, corps of engineers, U. S. A., retired voluntarily today under the thirty-years service law.

Doolittle Bill Favorably Reported.

The House Committee on Public Lands today ordered a favorable report on the Doolittle bill, which provides for the sale of public lands in the Pacific Northwest. The bill was introduced by Representative Doolittle of Washington.

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THE FELL HEAD DOWNWARD

Another Probably Fatal Accident at the New Postoffice.

DANIEL BEACH THE VICTIM

His Leg Got Caught Between Two Iron Beams, and in Struggling to Free Himself He Lost His Balance. Taken to the Emergency Hospital With a Fractured Skull.

Another victim of the new postoffice building lies at the Emergency Hospital between life and death with a badly fractured skull and supposed internal injuries. Daniel Beach, an iron worker, under contract with Thomas Marshall of Pittsburgh, while employed this morning on the third floor in the placing of an iron beam, fell a distance of twenty-five feet, landing upon a layer of iron beams, and cutting his head frightfully.

It is a singular coincidence that his name is the same as that of the man who was killed there several months ago. Beach has been a most careful worker and employed on the building for about two years.

CAME ON TIME.